repairs to the damaged partition brick walls. As a result of the accident there was a drop in the oven pushings at two coke ovens on January 6th and 7th, 1986. This resulted in loss of production of about 1690 tonnes of coke. However, this did not affect the operation of the Blast Furnaces as the shortage of coke was made up by using coke from stock.

(e) Efficiency drive is in-built in the system of working and is a continuous process at the plants.

(f) An enquiry has established that while repair work was being carried out on a pipe leading to the coke oven, there was leakage of gas leading to fire and explosion. The enquiry has further held no work procedures were violated, as such no one in particular has been held responsible for the accident.

Publication of Language Programme Journals of the All India Radio

*18. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for closing down publication of Betar Jagat and other language programme journals of All India Radio;

(b) whether Government have received memorandum from the national Federation of Information and Broadcasting employees and several M.Ps, urging resumption of publication of the Betar Jagat and other language programme journals; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) to (c) As part of the exercise to review expenditure in every Department and achieve economy, a decision was taken after review to close down the four fortnightly Akashavani journals, namely, Akashi, Betar Jagat, Nabhovani and Vani. These magazines have been incurring losses over the years and are also unlikely to become self-supporting.

Representations from M.Ps and others against the closure of the journals were received and considered. Government's view is that, for the reasons mentioned above, the decision should stand.

Computerisation programme in Steel Plants by S.A.I.L.

*19. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE :
DR. R.K. PODDAR :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rs. 100 crores computerisation programme for the steel plants by the Steel Authority of India in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre has made any progress;

(b) if so, what are the details of the progress made in this regard with details of productivity and quality achieved thereafter; and

(c) what is the indigenous component in the said computerisation programme with percentage-wise and quantity-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) and (b) Plans for installing an integrated computer system in Bhilai Steel Plant are still at the initial stages. Action is in progress for selection of a consultant.

(c) It is not possible at this stage to form any estimate of the indigenous component of the programme.

Telecast of Tribal Dance and Song Programmes

*20. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of

INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the tribal dance and songs are telecast on Doordarshan in order to preserve them; if so, the number of such programmes to be telecast during the current year;

(b) whether Government have any separate agency for recording only the tribal dances and songs of different tribes in different festive occasions of the tribals; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to set up a separate agency within the Department for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) (a) to (c) The programmes on tribal songs and dances are telecast by various Doordarshan Kendras as well as in the National Programme of Doordarshan. Their telecast depends upon the availability of the programme and the programme requirements of the Kendras concerned. It is not possible to indicate the number of programmes on any theme, including tribal dances and songs, to be telecast during a year as the programmes are reviewed from time to time in order to sustain viewers interest. Efforts are made by Doordarshan to cover tribal dances and songs within the available resources. Rare and excellant productions are also preserved in Doordarshan archives.

Doordarshan has neither set-up nor has a proposal to set-up a separate agency for specially recording tribal dances and songs of different tribes in different festive occasions of the tribals. However, programmes/features/films from individual prodcers are considered by Doordarshan on merits for telecast on royalty basis.

दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण कर्मचारी संघ द्वारा प्रधान मंत्री को ज्ञापन

1. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार :**

श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र :

श्री लाल कृष्ण अडवानी :

क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण कर्मचारी संघ ने जुलाई, 1985 में प्रधान मंत्री को एक ज्ञापन भेजा था ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) सरकार ने उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की है ;

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण कर्मचारी यूनियन ने जुलाई, 1985 में प्रधान मंत्री के कार्यालय में एक ज्ञापन प्रस्तुत किया था। इसमें दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण के कुछ उच्च अधिकारियों के कथित दुष्कर्मों, कर्मचारियों की शिकायतें हैं और दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण के कार्यकलाप में सुधार के लिए कतिपय सुझाव दिए गए हैं।

(ख) इस ज्ञापन में उठाये गये मुद्दों पर दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा दी गई रिपोर्ट पर सरकार ने जांच की है और यह पाया है कि जहां कहीं भी आवश्यक समझा गया सुधारात्मक उपाय किए गये हैं या किए जा रहे हैं।

Research Facilities for Sugar Beet

2. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any separate research facilities for sugar beet are likely to be provided by Government; and

(b) if so, by when and what are the details thereof?